

CALGARY 2025

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



WE'RE GEARING UP FOR A GRAND 2025!

As the countdown to June 2025 continues, the buzz around Rotary and our landmark Rotary International Convention in Calgary is electrifying!

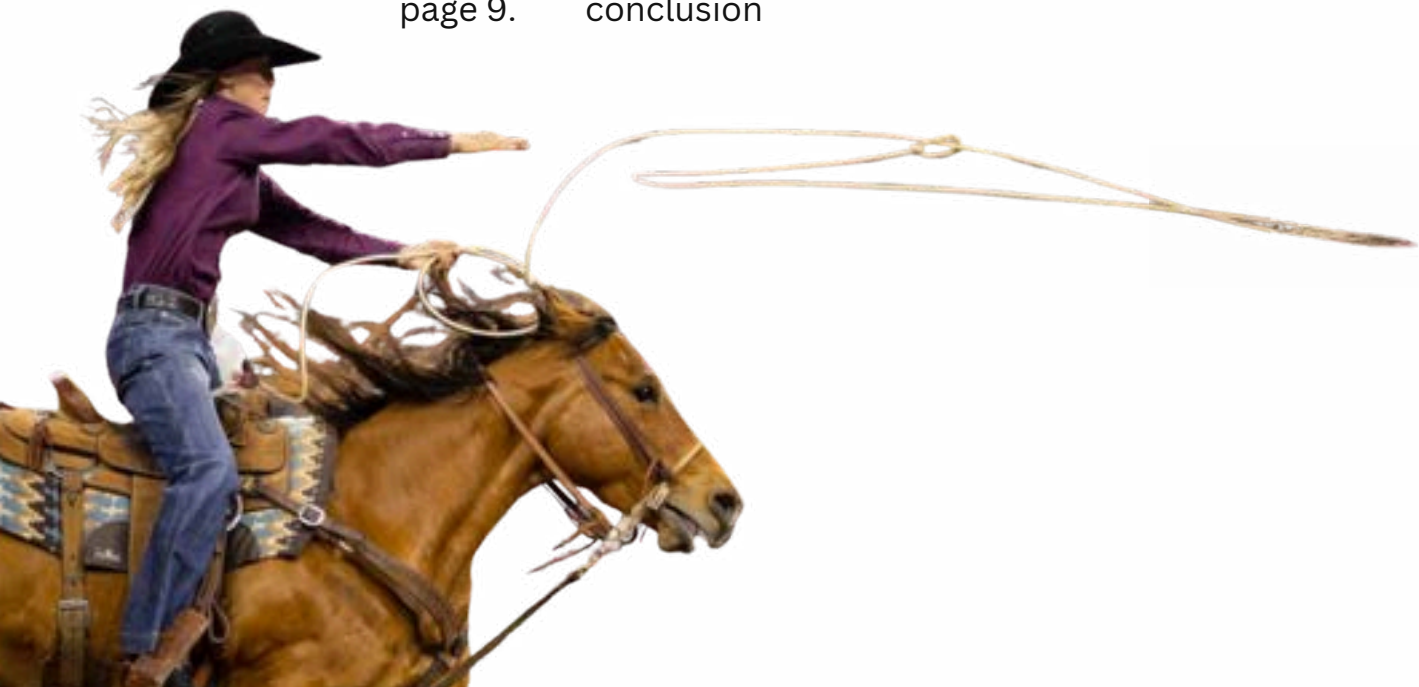




summer 2024 update

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CALGARY STAMPEDE PARADE

If you caught the Calgary Stampede Parade this year—whether you were among the estimated 300,000 lining the streets or tuned in from home, you likely saw our spectacular Rotary Convention float! A heartfelt thanks to Joe Connelly and Corinne Wilkinson from the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park for orchestrating this unforgettable showcase. Around 30 dedicated Rotarians

from our District proudly marched along the 4.5 km route, joyously waving and spreading Rotary spirit. The enthusiasm and hard work of everyone involved made this event a tremendous success. Thank you all for your incredible support!

Missed the Parade? Catch the Highlights Here:

Global TV: Our float makes its grand entrance at 1:40:34.

[Watch on Global TV](#)

CTV: Spot our float at 1:35:54 [Watch on CTV](#)



ROTARY MAGAZINE:

The September 2024 issue of Rotary Magazine is out— and Calgary is front and centre, drawing global attention to our District as we gear up for the convention!

[Click here to check out the article](#)

ATTENTION September CLUB CHAMPIONS!

A big thank you to the clubs that have already named their Club Convention Champions. We'll be connecting with these champions soon to share vital updates and gather important information. If your club hasn't yet designated a Club Champion, please do so at your earliest convenience and send the details to info@rotarycalgary2025.org





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

A huge shoutout to our amazing volunteers who have already stepped up to help with the RI Convention planning! We've got many of you in action on various committees, but there's more to be done. If you haven't yet been tapped for a committee, don't worry—we'll be reaching out soon.

Farid Bedwany and his dedicated team are hard at work piecing everything together, and we're grateful for every helping hand. Your involvement is crucial, and together, we're making this amazing event come to life!





HAVE YOU LET US KNOW YOUR INTERESTS AND SKILLS?

In addition to asking what committee(s) you would like to serve on, we would also like to know what specific “skills” you have (or have available to you through business or family connections) and what types of things interest to you. Basically, we want to know what you enjoy and what makes you “tick”?

Looking for a role? Send us an email to share your strengths and interests. Be sure to list any other tasks that you really enjoy, and any physical limitations you might have (including standing or walking).

- SOCIAL MEDIA POSTING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VIDEO PRODUCTION
- FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING
- REPORT WRITING
- SCHEDULING
- PROFICIENCY IN:
 - WORD PROCESSING
 - EXCEL
 - POWERPOINT
 - GRAPHIC DESIGN
 - PHOTOSHOP
 - WEB DESIGN
 - SEO
 - CLOUD STORAGE
 - CLOUD HOSTING (UBUNTU)
 - HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE
 - CRM SYSTEMS
 - MICROSOFT EXCHANGE
- BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT
- EVENT PLANNING
- FOOD & BEVERAGE PLANNING
- TICKETING
- HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP ENTERTAINMENT
- HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP RETAIL
- DATA ANALYTICS
- WELCOMING (AIRPORT, HOTELS, TRANSIT, ETC)
- SIGNAGE
- MARKETING
- COMMUNICATIONS
- HUMAN RESOURCES
- SPONSORSHIP
- FUNDRAISING
- VOLUNTEER TRAINING
- COPYRIGHTING
- UNIFORMS
- YOUTH
- ENVIRONMENT
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- OTHER _____

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION. ALL EMAILS CAN BE SENT TO INFO@ROTARYCALGARY2025.ORG

HOST HOSPITALITY:



HOST HOSPITALITY (hosting guests for dinner either in a Rotarian's home or a larger venue hosted by a club) is the BEST event to welcome International guests to our city!

Host Hospitality is always one of the most sought after events as it gives Rotarians a super way to actually get to know us!!

Host Hospitality happens one night only – Monday, June 23, 2025. Dinner from 6 – 9 pm, guests should be home by 10:30 pm.

- Guests are randomly chosen for their designated home/venue, a great mix from various countries
- In home dinners are preferred by many visiting Rotarians – smaller dinners for 4, 6, 8+ guests
- Meals can be anything from hamburgers to steak, chicken to tacos, salads, or any of your family favourites
- Larger group dinners are usually potluck with each local Rotarian bringing a dish, some of the best evenings are casual BBQ's in the backyard. —
- Guests pay \$50.00 USD. These funds are used to cover transportation for larger groups to venues, or to out of town locations
 - This fee does **not** cover any expense for the dinner. Meal expenses are at the Club or member cost.
 - There is no subsidy to hosts from the Host Organizing Committee or RI.
 - Most in home dinners, whether small or mid size, will involve asking friends, family and other members to help by providing food and transporting the guests to your home. What is better than having someone pick you up for dinner and take you back to your hotel?
 - Calgary Transit is providing complimentary transportation anywhere in the city.. you may have your guests travel to an LRT station near to your home and they can be picked up there.
- For out of town clubs, within 1 ½ hours of Calgary, and larger dinners in Calgary, we will transport delegates by bus, there and back.
- Usually clubs in out of the city communities, host a large dinner with every member participating.
- Often small towns have hosted a walk about town after dinner so you can show off your community., how about Clubs outside of Calgary hosting a dinner at your meeting place or at a park named after your club? The possibilities are endless!

If you are a Club over 1 ½ hours away, you may be interested in hosting a dinner in Calgary. Let me know as I have several suggestions of restaurants/venues.

I am pleased to report that clubs outside of Calgary have been very positive about inviting delegates to their town for dinner! Specifics yet to be decided! And, several clubs and members in Calgary are exploring possibilities.. and, members are signing up!

I am in the process now of visiting clubs outside of Calgary and will soon be making plans with Calgary clubs. To sign up to host go to www.rotarycalgary2025.org

I'd love to chat with members and clubs about this event! Contact me!

Let's have a fantastic Host Hospitality Evening! Get involved and let's welcome delegates with the Best Welcome ever!

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IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our **Sponsorship Team** and play a key role in making the 2025 Rotary International Convention an unforgettable event. **We need one or two members from each Club across the District** to help gather lists of potential sponsors. Your efforts will not only contribute to the success of the convention but also help us create a lasting legacy within the community.

For more information contact:
Catherine Brownlee
Chair, Sponsorship Committee
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We are looking for **Technology support** to help with a range of tasks in preparation for the convention. **You do not need to have expertise in all areas** –if we can gather a team with diverse skill sets, we'll reach out as specific needs arise.

For more information contact:
Craig Stokke
Co-Chair, 2025 HOC
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Some areas where we're seeking technology assistance:

- Do you have strong general computer skills?
- Can you help set up Microsoft Exchange email?
 - Do you have experience with ERP systems?
 - Are you familiar with AWS Linux servers?

If you have any other relevant skills you'd like to offer, we'd love to hear from you!





Let's keep the momentum going and make the 2025 Rotary International Convention an event to remember!

Warm regards,

Craig Stokke & PDC Mark Starratt

Co-Chairs, Calgary 2025 HOC

